

CONFEREES WORK ON MEXICO DETAILS

Polk and Arredondo Frame Plans for Border—To Consult Wilson.

NO WITHDRAWAL CHANGE

Secretary Says Rodgers's Alleged Statement Was Not Authorized.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Further satisfaction in the preliminary negotiations between the United States and Mexico was reported late this afternoon by Acting Secretary of State Polk. Mr. Polk had two conferences with Mexican Ambassador Arredondo, the Mexican Ambassador designate. An announcement that the preliminary negotiations have been concluded is probable within the next few days, according to the State Department.

The delay, it is said, is caused by the fact that minor questions crop up which Mr. Arredondo does not feel at liberty to decide without consulting his government.

Mr. Polk denied today that Mr. Rodgers, the United States special representative in Mexico City, had any authority to tell Carranza that United States troops would be withdrawn gradually from Mexico. This matter is being discussed from the White House, and the President for reasons not divulged, is keeping the matter with the greatest secrecy.

The American troops made their move toward the border without the least intention of withdrawing from the American people, although the matter was known to all officials in Mexico as soon as the movement started.

After the two meetings of the conference Mr. Arredondo telegraphed a report to his government and Mr. Polk prepared a similar report for Secretary Lansing, now on his vacation at Fort San.

Mr. Polk will talk the situation over with President Wilson tomorrow. Mr. Lansing is being fully advised of every step in the preliminary negotiations.

In confirmation of the reports of Dr. Darlington, already published by THE SUN, Major-General T. H. Bliss, Assistant Secretary of War, has taken down the border to study conditions along the line, reported to-day as follows:

Finished inspection Monday of Illinois and Wisconsin troops at Fort San. Monday. Will mail report to-day. Finished inspection of Virginia and Illinois troops at Brownsville yesterday.

Will finish inspection of New York, Indiana, Minnesota and Texas troops between Mission and San Benito by night of 20th. Will mail report soon after dawn.

Gen. Bliss's O. K. Have found camps in excellent sanitary condition. Men are reasonably well sheltered and well fed. Have interviewed all regimental and company commanders and taken down their statements by the stenographer.

Thus far they are unanimous in expressing satisfaction and contentment of the men and the conditions. Deficient equipment are being made up as rapidly as possible. Gen. Funston and his staff deserve great credit for efficient handling of difficult problems. Details by mail.

Darlington's Own Despatch. Dr. Darlington today telegraphed the National Civic Federation as follows: "After last night's session, I am very satisfied. He extends complete assistance to inquiry. Also interview with Col. Munro, who is in command of the camp at Fort San. He is a first class condition to my progress this pride must be humbled."

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WILLS HIS SKIN TO COVER WIFE'S BIBLE

Escaped Prisoner From Camden Jail Leaves Note Giving Body for Dissection.

CAMDEN, N. J., July 19.—George E. Thompson, who escaped from the Camden jail Monday evening with Wilson Ashbridge after they had shot and killed Keiper Isaac Hibbs and wounded J. J. Ellis, left in his cell the following letter:

"To Whom It May Concern: 'Ashbridge has come to the conclusion that he doesn't want to stay here any longer, and as I don't care much for the place myself, I have decided to go with him.'

"Now, I understand that in leaving this place in this manner I am 'flirting' with the undertaker. I leave this note behind in case such is the case."

"In the event of my being killed I make the following request: That my body be turned over to the University of Pennsylvania for dissecting purposes with this stipulation—that a piece of skin be removed and tanned, of sufficient size to cover a small copy of the New Testament, have same made up and presented to my lawyer, who will have instructions to present it to my wife, through a Manchou by birth and a Buddhist, is interested in the New Testament. Also my ring and pin shall be turned over to the same attorney to be presented to my wife."

Thompson is still at large.

SEE WILSON AS FOE TO RICH MEXICANS

"Felicistas" Issue "Book" Containing Report From John Lind to Bryan.

BROWNVILLE, Tex., July 19.—President Wilson's policy of "watchful waiting" toward Mexico was inspired largely by a desire to let the revolutionaries humble the upper classes, in the belief of the leaders of the "Felicistas" party, the new faction of which Felix Diaz is the leading spirit.

To support this contention the party is publishing a "Crimson, White and Green Book," which contains as one of its principal features what purports to be a report from John Lind, who was the Wilson confidential agent in Mexico, to Secretary Bryan.

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FIVE VILLA BANDITS SLAIN IN TRAIN RAID

Band of Fifty Starving Men Routed in Holdup Near Santa Ysabel.

EIGHT RAIDERS TAKEN

Camp Room Asked for 30,000 More Troops on the Border.

EL PASO, Tex., July 19.—Fifty Villa bandits on their way to attack the Texas border were routed by Carranza train guards near Santa Ysabel, on the Mexican Northwestern Railroad, yesterday. Five were killed, eight captured and the remainder were put to flight, southward. This is stated in an official statement of Gen. Trevino, commanding at Chihuahua city. He said that the eight captured bandits had made a full confession, but would be formally court-martialed. They will then be put to death before a firing squad near Santa Ysabel. The bandits, who were led by Martin Lopez, a notorious Villa follower, were brought to Chihuahua city today. They had been captured by the Carranza train guards, who were on their own way, had become separated from the main Villa command after the looting of Jimenez, and continued north. Falling to secure adequate supplies of ammunition, of which they were greatly in need, by looting villages and ranches they looted a rail on the railroad and held up a passenger train as it neared Santa Ysabel.

They were taken by surprise when a Carranza train escort limbed out of the train and opened fire and they were easily overcome. The bandits said that they had intended, after raiding the train, to cross the Mexican border and proceed toward the Texas border and raid Texas towns in the vicinity of Ojinaga.

They said they had expected help from Mexican friends living in Texas who would divide the loot with them. They had not been informed of the great influx of American troops along the Rio Grande and believed the border was open to attack as it was before the National Guard was ordered south.

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CONLEY DISMISSAL UPHELD BY BAKER

War Secretary Also Sustains Gen. Wood in Ousting Lieut.-Col. Phelan.

MEDICAL REPORT CITED

Neither Officer Held Fit for Active Service by Acting Surgeon-General.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Secretary of War Baker to-day announced his decision sustaining Major-General Wood in ordering Col. Conley and Lieut.-Col. Phelan of the Sixty-ninth New York Infantry mustered out of the Federal service on account of physical disability. The Secretary decided the case on the strength of the reports of army medical officers and despite the political pressure brought to bear at the White House with a view to having the two officers reinstated.

Mr. Baker is understood to have championed the cause of military discipline so vigorously in his talks with President Wilson that the protests lodged by the New York city delegation in Congress were nullified. The President had given a conditional promise to Senator O'Gorman that Col. Conley would be reinstated if the facts warranted it. Secretary Baker informed the President that they did not.

On July 19 the examining surgeon at Camp Upton, N. Y., reported to the Department headquarters the result of a physical examination of Col. Conley and Lieut.-Col. Phelan of the Sixty-ninth New York organized militia regiment.

Referred to Surgeon. "In view of the high official position and excellent service of both Col. Conley and Lieut.-Col. Phelan, this report was sent to the surgeon of the Department with directions to answer the following questions:

"1. Do you consider this officer capable of performing all the duties of his office in the field?"

"2. Do you consider his condition such as to warrant his acceptance into the service?"

"To both questions a negative answer was returned. Gen. Wood thereupon ordered the rejection of both officers. When the reports were finally sent to me they were referred to the acting surgeon-general, who said:

"The disability noted by the examining officer in the case of Col. Louis D. Conley and Lieut.-Col. John H. Phelan, Sixty-ninth National Guard of New York, are such as to disqualify them for active service under existing orders governing the entrance of all persons into the military service of the United States."

"It is therefore clear that reaction taken by the medical department and the commanding General of the Eastern Department is correct, and that the officers to be taken under the circumstances, and it has therefore been approved."

Report Not Made Public. "Since the detailed report of the findings in these cases deals with questions affecting the health of these officers, I do not deem it expedient to make the report public. I have, however, directed that copies be sent to both Col. Conley and Lieut.-Col. Phelan, and they are entirely at liberty to make the same public if they desire to do so, or to make any request for further examination which they desire to have made under the circumstances."

Therefore clear that the action taken by the medical and departmental officers in these cases is identical with that taken in many thousand cases affecting both enlisted men and officers of the National Guard and regular army throughout the United States. No question is raised as to their real military capacity, or character as officers, the only consideration being their own welfare and their ability to perform active military duties."

GETS ROUSING SENDOFF. Col. Conley Takes Leave of Sixty-ninth in Texas.

HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK DIVISION, McAllen, Tex., July 19.—The men of the Sixty-ninth New York Division, who were to-day bidding adieu to their commander, Col. Louis D. Conley, who was to-day leaving for Texas, were given a rousing sendoff by the men of the Sixty-ninth New York Division, who were to-day bidding adieu to their commander, Col. Louis D. Conley, who was to-day leaving for Texas.

WOOD OFF FOR PLATTSBURG. Major-General Wood left yesterday to visit the training camp at Plattsburg. Col. George T. Bartlett, who succeeded Col. E. F. Glenn as the General's chief of staff, assumed his duties at Goddard Island yesterday. Col. Harry Taylor, the new engineer officer on Gen. Wood's staff, also began his duties. Col. William M. Black, whom he succeeds, has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General and will be chief engineer officer at Washington.

CHICAGO, July 19.—Figures compiled here show that the fourteen States composing the central department of the United States army, under command of Major-General Barry, have sent 34,512 National Guardsmen to the Mexican border since the troops were called out. The figures show that 1,849 are on the way, 22,115 are in mobilization camps and 3,500 have not been called to the colors.

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General Order No. 7 directs that no soldier shall drink outside the limits of his camp with his sleeves rolled up or but partly clothed and that no soldier shall leave camp unless upon a pass issued first by an officer.

GALE SWEEPING UP COAST. Weather Bureau Warns of Storm Along Middle Atlantic To-day.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Northernly gales, accompanied by rain, will strike the middle Atlantic coast to-morrow. The Weather Bureau announced to-night. Storm warnings were continued along the coast from Boston to Cape Hatteras. A tropical storm, similar to the one which caused havoc recently along the Gulf coast, is moving northward and apparently is centered to-night in the Atlantic about 200 miles southeast of Hatteras.

The Weather Bureau had no reports indicating whether it might veer westward and strike the Atlantic coast with full force of its winds, for which a maximum velocity of sixty-four miles an hour was reported to-day by vessels about 100 miles off the South Carolina coast.

SIX WHEEL MOTOR INVENTED. Jerseyman Buys Rights to New Automobile Chassis.

PATERSON, N. J., July 19.—William A. Arnold, wealthy silk dyer, and William H. Fletcher, both of this city, and Harold A. Greene of Paterson, a member of the Green Motor Company of Newark, have purchased all the rights of M. A. Mackay, a Maine backwoodsman, to an automobile chassis he has invented, which they believe will revolutionize the commercial end of the automobile business.

The chassis has three axles, six wheels and a 200 inch wheel base. It will make a complete turn in a space of thirty-two feet. Both front and rear wheels are controlled by the steering gear and the centre wheels are fixed.

Cantor Steinberg Wins His Decree. Bernhard Steinberg, chief cantor of the Temple Beth-El, won from Justice Hendrick yesterday an annulment of his marriage to Mrs. Hazel Steinberg, Bowdoin Park, where in the case, advocated this course in sealed papers.

Jersey Relief Bureau Forms to Aid Militiamen. Sea Girt, N. J., July 19.—Arrangements for the extension of the work of providing comforts for the New Jersey militiamen now at Douglas, Ariz., and for caring for their dependent families were completed at a meeting and luncheon held to-day at the Governor's cottage. Mrs. James F. Fielder, chairman of the New Jersey Soldiers' Relief League, under whose auspices the work will be done, presided.

Permanent organizations with chairmen for each county were decided upon. Members of the executive committee are: Mrs. J. N. S. Brewster, Elizabeth; Mrs. Garrett A. Hobart, Paterson; Mrs. Arthur H. Mackie, Newark; Mrs. Dwight Morrow, Englewood; Mrs. Karl G. Roehling, Trenton; and Mrs. William D. Sherrerd, Haddonfield.

County chairmen thus far selected are: Atlantic, Mrs. John J. White; Bergen, Mrs. H. V. D. Moore; Burlington, Mrs. William A. Slagter; Camden, Mrs. Elizabeth Reeve; Gloucester, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Matlock; Hudson, Mrs. H. Otto Wirtz; Hunterdon, Mrs. E. B. Merzer; Mercer, Mrs. Francis C. Lathrop; Middlesex, Mrs. W. Parker Ruxton; Monmouth, Mrs. Louis C. Barthelme; and Salem, Mrs. Howard C. Whitehead.

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